



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin Williams, Director of Public Works
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Subject: NCDOT Biennial Municipal Bridge Inspection Interlocal Agreement Amending and Extending Contract #6680, Dated 10/22/09

Executive Summary

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires that municipal bridges be re-inspected every two years. The NCDOT provides an option for municipalities for this service. The NCDOT will employ and pay a private engineering firm to perform the services and requires a 20% match from the locality for actual inspection costs. These inspection costs are currently estimated at \$27,040.00 per biennial inspection cycle.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council adopt an agreement to amend and extend Contract #6680, dated October 22, 2009 that provides for a biennial inspection of municipal bridges by the NCDOT with cost sharing of 80/20.

Background

The Public Works Department presented Contract #6680 for adoption in October 2009. That contract provided for the biennial municipal bridge re-inspection as federally required. The NCDOT has proposed that the City adopt an agreement to cover the next five re-inspection cycles, which will run over the next 10 years. The Federal Highway Administration will pay for 80% of the actual cost with the City reimbursing NCDOT for the 20% matching funds.

Alternative(s)

There is no recognized alternative in that the City cannot afford to re-inspect municipal bridges without the 80% cost covered by the Federal Highway Administration, nor can supply the expertise to perform or supervise the inspection process.

Financial Impact

The departmental street maintenance operating budget, Org. and Object: 0L010100 – 725000 will supply funding over 10 fiscal years with \$27,040.00 being budgeted each two year period. The anticipated cost of the agreement over 10 years is \$135,200.00. For FY12, Contract #6680 has an existing encumbrance of \$9,835.46. Therefore, only \$17,204.54 additional funding will be required to complete the encumbrance of \$27,040.00 for the first re-inspection cycle.

SDBE Summary

Not applicable.

Attachments

NCDOT Agreement